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SUBJECT: ICFTU CITES SIZEABLE INCREASE IN US AID TO CHILE

1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLES DATELINED BRUSSELS WHICH APPEARED
IN THE JANUARY 9 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE
AND THE GUARDIAN, THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION FREE
TRADE UNIONS HAS RELEASED FIGURES SHOWING THAT US AID TO
CHILE DURING 1975 INCREASED FROM 52 MILLION TO 675 MILLION
DOLLARS. THE ARTICLES ALSO CARRY FIGURES SHOWING INCREASES
IN IMF AND WORLD BANK CREDITS FOR CHILE AMOUNTING TO 22
MILLION DOLLARS AND INDICATING THAT THE UN ADVANCED APPROXI-
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MATELY 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN CREDIT TO CHILE IN 1975 AFTER

HAVEING SUSPENDED ALL CREDITS THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

2. ACCOFING TO THE HERALD TRIBUNE ACCOUNT, THE ICFTU HAS CRITICIZED THE SALE OF US ARMS TO CHILE WHICH INCREASED FROM 15 MILLION IN 1973 TO 67 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1974, THE LAST YEAR FOR WHICH FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE. THE ICFTU ESTIMATES THAT SALES WERE EVEN HIGHER IN 1975.

3. THE ARTICLES WERE WRITTEN BY BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS DAVID HAWORTH (TRIBUNE) AND JOHN PALERM (GUARDIAN). PALMER REPORTED THAT "THE UNITED STATES IS SUBSIDIZING THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS IN CHILE TO AN UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE". HE CONTRASTED THIS WITH THE SHARP DROP IN AID AND CREDITS FOR CHILE FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE FIGURES WERE REPORTEDLY DRAWN FROM CHILEAN CENTRAL BANK AND IMF SOURCES.

4. ACCORDING TO ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY HOHN VANDERVEKEN, WHO VERIFIED THE PRESS REPORTS, THE FIGURES WERE CONTAINED IN A YEAR-END REPORT SENT TO ALL AFFILIATED ICFTU UNIONS. HE TOLD US THAT THE DECISION TO ISSUE THE REPORT WAS MADE AT A MID-DECEMBER MEETING OF THE ICFTU CHILE COMMITTEE IN AMSTERDAM WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHILEAN CUT IN EXILE AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIES OF THE CENTRAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS OF GERMANY, DENMARK, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND THE NETHERLANDS. GREENWALD

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